

REMARKS

By this amendment, claim 45 is amended. Claims 1-44 have been previously cancelled. Currently, claims 45-51 are pending in the application, of which claims 46-50 are withdrawn from further consideration. Accordingly, claims 45 and 51 are currently active in this application, of which both are independent. Applicant respectfully submits that the above amendments do not add new matter to the application and are fully supported by the specification.

Entry of this Amendment is respectfully requested because it places the present application in condition for allowance, or in the alternative, better form for appeal. In view of the above Amendments and the following Remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the objections and rejections for the reasons discussed below.

REJECTION OF CLAIMS UNDER NON-STATUTORY DOUBLE PATENTING

Claims 45 and 51 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 17 and 37 of U. S. Patent No. 6,587,166 issued to Lee, et al. ("Lee"). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection for the following reason.

To obviate the double patenting rejection, Applicant has already filed a Terminal Disclaimer with the fee required under 37 CFR §1.20(d) on March 31, 2005. Accordingly, withdrawal of the double patenting rejection is respectfully requested.

REJECTION OF CLAIMS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §102

Claim 45 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U. S. Patent No. 6,583,843 issued to Ishino ("Ishino"). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection for at least the following reasons.

This application claims priority from Korean patent application No. 1998-34585 filed August 26, 1998. Ishino was filed on February 10, 1999. Since the priority date of this application antedates Ishino's filing date, Ishino does not qualify as prior art under 35 U.S.C. §102(e). Enclosed in the Appendix are (a) an English translation of the certified copy of the Korean priority application and (b) a statement verifying accuracy of the translation.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. §102(b) rejection of claim 45.

OTHER MATTERS

Claim 45 is amended solely for the purpose of correcting informalities therein. These amendments are not made for the purpose of avoiding prior art or narrowing the claimed invention, and no change in claim scope is intended. Therefore, Applicant does not intend to relinquish any subject matter by these amendments.

CONCLUSION

Applicant believes that a full and complete response has been made to the Office Action and respectfully submits that all of the stated objections and grounds for rejection

have been overcome or rendered moot. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that all pending claims are allowable and that the application is in condition for allowance.

Should the Examiner feel that there are any issues outstanding after consideration of this response, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's undersigned representative at the number below to expedite prosecution.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Reply is respectfully requested.

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APPENDIX: 1. English Translation of Certified Copy of Priority Document
2. Statement Verifying Accuracy of Translation

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